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Tucumcari is Gaining the Reputation of Being the Hustling-est Town in the State, so the Travelers Say
It is. Hustle is the Name From City Council Down.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT OR CURRENT BY METER

Street Lighting Question Still Puzzles Council. Regular Meeting February 12 Will Officially Act Upon Subject of "Good Lights and Plenty of Them"

The discussion of additional light for the city streets is still occupying the minds of the city council. Up to this time it has seemed impossible for the light company and the city to get together on terms. Two plans at present are being considered according to mayor Rector, one, the installing of a municipal light plant and the other the purchase of electric current, the city in-

stalling its own system of poles and wires and furnishing its own globes.

It is desired to have electric lights at frequent intervals on the city's streets, perhaps at every crossing thus affording Tucumcari one of the best lighting systems in the state. In the event of the city owning its own plant, electric arches also may be erected across the down town

streets as an advertisement to the town.

"We are going to give the people good lights and plenty of them if it is in our power", said mayor Rector "and in order to do this we are considering every feasible plan".

The subject possibly will not be officially acted upon until the 12th when the next meeting of the city council will take place.

LOCAL COMPANY AFTER LOGAN LAND

Option Secured Until March 5th on 1200 Acres at Rana to be used for Irrigation

An option until the fifth of March has been taken by local parties on the Johnson ranch situated fourteen miles south east of Logan, at a price approximating \$30,000 according to report. George Mindeman with A. Baltzer the civil engineer of this city, made a trip over the property last week in order to make estimates of the contemplated cost of certain plans which are being considered by those who are considering the purchase of the property.

The ranch itself which embraces 1200 acres of the old How ranch includes several buildings including those of the postoffice Rana.

It is the intention of those who are considering the purchase of the property to erect a dam on the Rana arroyo, 600 feet in length, and 32 feet in width with a larger dam of earth in front of this. The dam will be seventeen feet in height and will retain 100 acres of water. The plan embraces the irrigation of the land either by the company or by settlers to whom the land will be sold in small plots.

Mr. Mindeman is now in Chicago in regard to the plans and will return in a few days it is said.

STREET GRADING IS ABOUT COMPLETED

Cross Streets in South Part of Town Receive Attention this Week

Work is continuing on the regrading of the streets of the city. Teams have been busy this week on the cross streets in the south part of town from Center to Gaynell making a marked improvement in these streets. Gutters a foot in depth are being plowed and the grader set to throw this dirt to the center of the street thus not only making a better appearing street but giving better drainage in case of rain.

With these streets improved practically all of the city's streets have been reworked this winter. Other work which has been overlooked, probably will be completed at once.

In all nearly ten miles of streets have been reworked during the last four months.

DUCK BUT NO DUCK HUNTERS

They are Scared Because of the Federal Law Which Closed the Season on Dec. 15.

Local sportsmen are in a quandry. Since the cold weather wild duck has become plentiful and the desire is strong among the huntsmen to be out and doing. The federal law however sets the time limit for duck hunting between September 15 and December 15 and while there is a difference of opinion as to the government's right to interfere with the state laws, yet the national government has a strong arm, hence the hesitation.

The law applies to migratory wild game and was passed last fall. There is a fine of \$100 for its violation.

BETTER LAWS FOR SETTLER

Government Said to be More Liberal in Future in Plans for Southwest

Western men are jubilant over the easier requirements being made by the government in reclamation work and predict that it will mean a revival of interest in colonization of the semiarid regions of the west. Additional money was appropriated last week to further the work now being done in Carlsbad and other irrigation project of this vicinity and more time given the settler in which to make his payments on irrigated lands.

An effort is being made to gain a law through the national government providing for a 640 acre homestead settlement and many things point to the success of this undertaking. Assistant secretary A. A. Jones of this state and Congressman W. R. Smith both have been busy on laws to make conditions better for the settler it is said, and have placed the bills before the national congress in such a form that there is little doubt but that they will pass.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

O. W. HERN, pastor.
Wednesday evening at 7:30 the choir meets with Mrs. Amelon.
Thursday at 3:00 p. m. The Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. Dunn.

Thursday 7:30 p. m. The Bible Study class meets at the church.
Sunday Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Mens' class in the Sunday School taught by the pastor. Morning service at 11:00 o'clock, subject of sermon, "Prayer".
Evening service 7:30, subject "Crossing the Lake".

CYCLECAR STATION FOR TUCUMCARI

This City May See First Agency Established, West of Chicago, for New Vehicle

If plans mature successfully, Tucumcari and New Mexico will have the first agency for the cyclecar west of Chicago. The cyclecar which is a small motor vehicle, so small that it may be driven through an open doorway, has attracted considerable attention throughout Europe and now is creating a furore in this country. A cyclecar show is now being held in Chicago and it is to this city that Frank Bade of Tucumcari has sent a representative to try and secure the agency for this place. If the agency is secured Mr. Bade will try to interest persons in this city and state in the new car, and it is believed that the car will prove a big success here on account of the narrow gauge and the facility with it will take our country roads.

THE GROUND HOG SAW HIS SHADOW

Of Course, so we will have Another Month of Winter Possibilities

Well of course the ground hog saw his shadow Monday so according to popular superstition, we will have another siege of winter. As he has about one chance in twelve of not seeing his shadow, Tucumcari generally has until April to await spring. However January saw nearly the whole month sunny so Tucumcarians have nothing to complain of. The ground hog does not worry us.

IS BOOSTING SOUDAN GRASS

Clovis Journal Distributes Fifty Pounds of Seed to Curry Farmers

Sudan grass as a stock crop for this section is attracting a great deal of attention. The grass is said to have been brought here from the Soudan regions of Africa and to grow under severe conditions of drouth. It does not spread from the roots as does Johnson grass therefore does not become a pest. It must be sowed each year from the seed which it bears in abundance. The seed at present is very scarce and is said to be worth about \$2.00 a pound. The Clovis Journal has procured fifty pounds for distribution among the farmers of that vicinity getting the seed from a Lubbock firm.

SIX SHRUBS THAT WILL GROW HERE

By J. E. Mundell

From a long list of shrubs six varieties have been chosen for growing in this section of the country. They require little water and may be started from cuttings, preferably first soaked in water to soften the fibre. Quite a number of local citizens already have set out hedges of the first variety, the salt cedar. The six are as follows:

SHRUBS

Salt Cedar—(Tamarix Amurensis) This shrub seems to be perfectly hardy in most parts of New Mexico and the plains region. It withstands drouth remarkably well after it once gets started. The growth of this shrub is very rapid and its bluish green cedar-like foliage gives it a pleasing appearance. This cedar is well adapted for planting in hedges. It is easily started from cuttings. Soaking the cuttings in water before planting will help them to root.

Lilac—(Syringa Vulgaris) The lilac is one of the popular flowering shrubs, and is probably more well known than any other. The purple and white are the two varieties most generally planted. Of the two the purple is the more hardy. The lilac is easily propagated from cuttings or suckers.

Euonymus—(Euonymus Japonicus) This plant is a very desirable evergreen shrub for the lawn. It thrives quite well in New Mexico or plains regions, especially where well taken care of. When planted in groups, as a single specimens, or in hedges, it makes quite an ornamental and valuable plant. It may be started from cuttings or by single plants obtained from the nursery.

Siberian Pea Tree—(Caragana arborescens) This plant can be used for planting in hedges or alone on the lawn. It is quite hardy and ornamental. The locust like foliage which is light green and appears early in the spring, with the yellow-pea-like blooms are desirable features in this small tree. It is easily propagated from cuttings.

Privet—(Ligustrum ovalifolium) California privet is upright and slightly pyramidal in habit of growth. The leaves of this shrub are thickly set on the stem. During the winter the green foliage turns to a purplish hue which is very attractive. This shrub is quite hardy and sometimes reaches a height of 10 to 12 feet. It can be propagated by cuttings. This plant makes a very good hedge plant.

Flowering Willow—(Salix) This is a very valuable shrub for planting in the garden or grounds. It is one of the native plants of New Mexico and is found growing in its natural state along dry arroyos near the mountain ranges. This factor that it being able to withstand drouth makes it a desirable plant for this part of the country.

SCHOOLS ASSIST IN CHILDRENS' HOME

The January issue of the Home Evangel published at Albuquerque, gives the names of more than 200 school children of the Tucumcari public schools, who subscribed the amount of \$25 towards the support of the Children's Home Society, an organization for the care of homeless children. Donations ranged from a few pennies to several dollars.

HALF OF REQUIRED ACREAGE FOR IRRIGATION PLAN SIGNED

May be Placed Before Eastern Capital in Another Two Weeks if Sufficient Acreage is Obtained

Good progress is being made on the Pajarita irrigation project. G. W. Quin who is promoting the plan has succeeded in signing over 9000 acres of the required amount of land necessary to make the plan a success. This is about half of the three quarters share which the company desires and it is estimated that at least five thousand additional acres will have been subscribed within the next week or two thus making the building of the irrigation plan an assured thing.

PROMOTER WILL GO EAST

Mr. Quin expects to go east within two weeks or as soon as he has acquired the requisite acreage and will place the matter before certain money interests

where he feels assured the plan will be accepted.

Should the work prove a success, in the neighborhood of 25000 acres of land will be placed under irrigation, most of this land lying close about Tucumcari. All of the preliminary work of surveying has been done and all that is lacking is the money with which to build. The estimated cost will approximate three-quarters of a million dollars.

Among those who signed this week were D. J. Finegan, 320 acres; R. P. Donohoo 220 acres; Bob Hicks, 560 acres and Lee Hamilton, 800 acres. This last is the site of the Sunshine dairy west of town.

WHEAT GROWERS ARE WORRIED

Cracking Ground and High Winds Make Harrowing a Question

Farmers are in a quandry as regards their wheat crop it is said. A large acreage has been planted this winter in the county and it has made a big growth with a promise of a big yield.

Now, it is said, the ground is cracking and the perplexing question is whether to harrow or not. If harrowing is done, there is great danger of damage from drifting and if harrowing is neglected, the moisture will escape from the soil. Therefore in the absence of another snow, they are undecided as to what course to pursue.

LOCAL COMPANY TO PUSH INVENTION

Haas, Hunter & Company, the local patentees and manufacturers of the S. O. B. oil burner, are arranging to place their invention on the market on a more elaborate scale than heretofore. Offices have been opened on east Center street and literature being provided for agents and dealers. The invention which is for the purpose of burning coal oil for cooking purposes, is said to be the most economical contrivance of its kind on the market, burning for a six hole range less than one gallon of oil in five hours time when turned on full blast. The burners are now being manufactured.

PHOTOPLAY CHANGES HANDS

Oklahoma Theater Man Buys Interests of Photoplay on Second St.

The Photoplay moving picture house on Second Street changed ownership this week, O. Ostendorf of El Reno, Oklahoma, buying the business from F. Stribling, the former owner. The house was opened about a year ago by Mr. Stribling who came here from Liberal, Kans., and since has done a good business. Mr. Stribling will remain here with his family so that his children may attend school.

TELEPHONE COMPANY IMPROVE SERVICE

Changes Made to Facilitate Service Number Designations Changed

The Mountain States telephone company have made another change in their directory in order to facilitate the handling of calls. In the instance of party lines, all numbers under 200 have been moved up into the higher numerals so as to throw party lines on the same switchboards in order that quicker connections may be made. The designating colors red and black also have been changed to the letters W and J thus conforming to the rule over the United States, these letters being easier to distinguish, it is said. The company claim to be studying the needs of the people in order to give the best service possible although it is said at this time that the local lines are not paying as they should, for the amount of capital invested.

DENTAL BOARD ENDS SESSION

Local Member and Applicant Return from State Examination

C. M. Stanfill, D. D. S., a member of the state board of dental examiners, returned Sunday from Las Vegas, where he has been assisting in the regular annual examination for new dentists. Six applicants were present among them Dr. M. J. Haskins of this city. The board consists of Drs. C. M. Stanfill, of Tucumcari, M. J. Moran, of Deming, J. K. Welsh of Dawson and F. R. Lord of Las Vegas. The meeting occupied three days.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to all who were so kind in helping me to win the beautiful piano that was given away by the J. P. Miller Drug Company, January 31.

FLORENCE SURGUY

IN MEMORY OF MR. TAFOLA

On Saturday the 14th of February 1914 a solemn anniversary will be celebrated at the Catholic Church in memory of Max Tafola. Parents and friends are invited to come.

MRS. MAX TAFOLA